

**159.2 Object of department.**

The object of the department of agriculture and land stewardship shall be:

1. To encourage, promote, and advance the interests of agriculture, including horticulture, livestock industry, dairying, cheese making, poultry raising, biofuels, beekeeping, production of wool, production of domesticated fur-bearing animals, and other kindred and allied industries.

2. To encourage a relationship between people and the land that recognizes land as a resource to be managed in a manner that avoids irreparable harm.

3. To develop and implement policies that inspire public confidence in the long-term future of agriculture as an economic activity as well as a way of life.

4. To administer efficiently and impartially the inspection service of the state as is now or may hereafter be placed under its supervision.

[S13, §1657-b, -g; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §2587; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §159.2]

86 Acts, ch 1245, §605; 2012 Acts, ch 1095, §1

Referred to in §7E.5

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